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Open Hearts . . .

Open Minds . . .

Open Doors . . .

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FUMC

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast in the Activity Center
- 8:45 a.m.** Refreshments in the Parlor
- 9:00 a.m.** Celebration Service in the Activity Center
- 10:00 a.m.** Sunday School classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary

Nursery care provided

The 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday on Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 96 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor
Rev. Dale Chance
pastordale@fumcbrenham.org

Associate Pastor
Rev. Kay Reed
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First United Methodist Church

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October 1, 2012

The Christ of the Harbor

I once heard a story about one of the harbors in Sicily. It was described as being very smooth and calm. In fact, the person who described it for me said, "When anyone talks about that harbor they say the sea is like a sheet of glass. There is not a ripple anywhere thus making the water very clear."

Because of its clear stillness, many years ago a devout Catholic gave a large sum of money for a statue of Christ to be carved and then lowered down into the water of the harbor. That statue became known through the years as "The Christ of the Harbor." This statue was supposed to bring blessings upon the ships and fishermen that passed His way.

At first it was a very beautiful statue of Christ with arms outstretched and with hands and head lifted up as if to bring blessings upon the port. But slowly and gradually it was taken for granted and completely neglected for several years until finally it got to the place where you could not see the statue at all. There was only an ugly mass of seaweed and barnacles. It was a dirty, dark green blob in the water and many would wonder, "What in the world is that down there?"

Finally funds had to be raised and they lifted the statue out of the water and cleaned it. There is now a fund established that enables specially equipped divers to go down about once a year to clean it because within a short period of time it becomes covered with ocean growth again and the seaweed destroys its beauty and mars its purpose.

When I heard this story I thought how often this relates to the Christ in our hearts. As the years pass by we allow all sorts of "other" things to cover Him up. No longer is the Christ of our hearts clearly seen. That is why "revival" is so needed. Periodically we need to take time to look at our hearts and determine who resides on its throne. Revival means renewal of life and the bringing of fresh life.

I am looking forward to **One Church, One Faith** our three day "revival" with Dr. Jim Jackson, October 7-9. The complete schedule is found in the newsletter. Please put this on your calendar and plan to be there. I am praying as I know you are that God will truly work in our lives and church. As the song writer wrote:

"Revive us again. Fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again."

See you Sunday,
Kay

Join us as we conclude our *One Church, One Faith* week with **United Sunday** on October 14. We will celebrate the many blessings of our church family with one blended worship service beginning at 10:45am in the Sanctuary. Before the service we will have a breakfast spread for all to enjoy at 9:30am in the Activity Center. The breakfast will include a fruit station, a pastry bar, sweet and savory casseroles, a waffle bar and even an omelet bar. All of this provided by our adult Sunday school classes and the youth! This will be a joyous Sunday for our entire church family.

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Tami Stevens, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY September 9, 2012

Church Attendance:

Nursery	10
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	149
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	74
Worship Total	311
Sunday School	122
Offering:	\$21,894.33

SUNDAY September 16, 2012

Church Attendance:

Nursery	7
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Worship 11:00 a.m.	111
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	73
Worship Total	266
Sunday School	130
Offering:	\$4,306.43

SUNDAY September 23, 2012

Church Attendance:

Nursery	8
Worship 8:15 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	178
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	72
Worship Total	320
Sunday School	112
Offering:	\$9,611.00

SEPTEMBER TOTALS

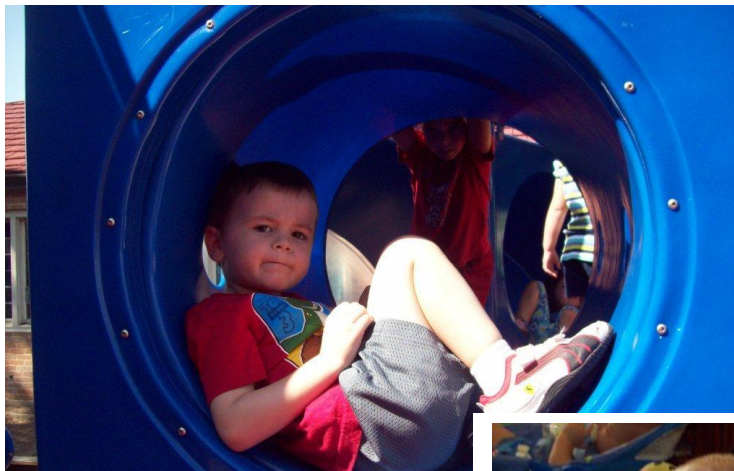
INCOMPLETE

Sept. Income:	\$44,999.10
Sept. Expense:	\$53,340.49
Sept. Total:	(\$8,341.39)

YTD TOTALS INCOMPLETE

YTD Income:	\$467,270.22
YTD Expense:	\$473,859.10
YTD Net Total:	\$6,588.88

October



October's Up Coming Events

- *Oct. 12th - Pre-K Class will visit the Oil Ranch in Hockley.
 - *Oct. 16th – The Brenham Fire Fighters will come and teach on fire safety.
 - *Oct. 24th - The 2's, 3's and Pre-K Classes will visit the Christ Lutheran Day School Pumpkin Patch.
- ****Once again thank you to everyone for your support of the Methodist Weekday Child Development Center; you have helped make our fundraiser a great success!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

Fun in Sunday School



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

A.C.T.S.

DUDE, YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Children's Musical Theatre Troupe
Every Sunday 5:00 -6:30pm
It's not too late to join us!!



YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org



October Youth Calendar

subject to change

Sun., Oct. 7 – 3:00-6:30 p.m. – Youth in the AC Kitchen to prepare a meal for the Rev. Jim Jackson Bible Study meal.

Sun., Oct. 14 – 8:30-10:30 a.m. - Youth in AC Kitchen to man the Omelet Station for United Sunday

Sun., Oct. 21 – No Youth

Sun., Oct. 28 – 4:30-6:30 p.m. - in AC for Trunk or Treat

Youth Fall Fundraiser

The youth will be selling containers of soup for their fall fundraiser! You will have three flavors to choose from; chicken soup, beef and vegetable, and cream of vegetable soups will be pre-sold by youth starting October 7th. Pickup will be on November 11th. All soups will be \$5 each and will come frozen in plastic containers for easy storage. If you had an opportunity to taste some of these soups last year you know...they were really good!!! Stay tuned for more information soon.



Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival News:

It may not feel like it, but fall is right around the corner and so is our annual Harvest Festival. Preparations and planning are well underway with lots more to be done. I encourage all UMW members to attend the October 2nd general meeting as lots of important information and scheduling will be discussed. Harvest Festival tickets are now available in the church office. I encourage all church members to get their tickets as soon as possible because they sell out quickly. Donations for turkeys are greatly appreciated and can be made to UMW, check memo: turkey donation and left in the church office. Now is a good time to be thinking of items for the silent auction. Our silent auction always has a nice variety of items, so whether you have an item around your home, or you are crafty, or just want to donate a gift certificate; please remember we could always use silent auction items. The country store also welcomes homemade items such as cakes, pies, cookies and handmade items.

Please remember the following important dates:

October 10th and 11th - we will be making dressing in the activity center @ 10:00

October 21st - setting up tables in activity center @12:00

October 22nd - cutting up of turkeys, decorating activity center, accepting items for silent auction and country store

****Items for silent auction and country store must be dropped off by 4:00 Oct. 22nd****

There are many ways to help with our Harvest Festival right up to the day of so if you need any information or help please give me a call at 979-277-2494.

Look forward to seeing you soon!!

Kim Limmer

UMM News

The Methodist Men held an election at the last meeting, the new officers are:

President- Clifford Bribin

Vice-President- Nick Nelms

Secretary- Keith Hale

Treasurer- Tom Rogers

****At our next meeting, Oct. 11th, the speaker will be James Lopez**

The UMM Drive-Thru is Thursday, October 18th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot.

The meals include half a BBQ chicken and trimmings, tickets are \$8.00 and available in the church office.



PIPE ORGAN DEDICATION AND CONCERT



JOY — *Just Older Youth*

BLINN LUNCH BUNCH

Fridays at
11:30am
In the Blinn
Cafeteria
Join us any
Friday of the
semester.
It's one of
the best
values in
town!

The Play *Enron* at Blinn College Friday, October 5

The show is FREE!
Join us for lunch
first at 11:30am
and then walk
over to see the
show.
If you would like
to join us for the
show only, meet
us in the lobby a
little before 1pm.

River Boat Cruise on the Southern Empress at Lake Conroe

October 20 9:00am
Cruise and have
lunch on Lake Conroe
(\$35/\$25 for 55 and
over). Please fill out
the RSVP form and
return it to the office
by Oct. 7. Invite your
friends!!

Church Basement Ladies at Blinn College

December 4
Tickets go on sale on
Oct 15. I will reserve
a group for us. Talk
to any of your small
groups/SS classes &
email Jennifer with
how many are
interested. Tickets
will go FAST!

Prayer Concerns

Charles Lacy
Larry Tyrell
Jacque Ketcham
Bonnie Perry
Kathy Revenaugh
Alyce Super
Charlotte Cooper
Lane Buban
Earl McIntyre
Joyce Morris
Louis Hanath
Floyd Chapman
Linda Pipes
Vicki Jordan
Kathy Rote
Alan Williamson
Frank Genest
Ran & Evelyn Newman
Sue Perry
Justin Davis
Yvonne Moore
Glen Morris
Harvey Alex
Renee Thompson
Carolyn Sander
Linda Daugherty
Marilynn Wrigley
Ann Cartwright
Billy Thompson

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

Donations Received

In memory of

Kathy Buck

By

Gina Cowan
Linda Johnson Klovensky
Angelie Goeke
James & Janie Hrachovy

Save the Date

The presiding bishop over the Texas Annual Conference, Janice Riggle Huie, will give a special presentation to the district laity and clergy on Sunday, November 18th at 2:30 p.m. at First UMC Bryan.

New Life For "Old" Devotional Material

Please, share the Upper Rooms you recently finished reading [e.g. July/August - or older issues if you still have them] with someone else by bringing them to the church office or Marie Beckendorf. Issues of Guideposts magazines would be welcomed also. The devotional material will be used in ministry with incarcerated men and women.

The Trustees Would Like Your Help

The trustees are seeking contributions in the amount of \$6,000.00 in order to remove the Blue House, previously occupied as a dentist office by Dr. Young. This is the first phase of our project to create additional parking, adjacent to the existing parking lot.



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to fumc@fumcbrenham.org or please submit a handwritten article to the church office. This is the best way to make sure that all the information for your article is accurate. Thank you.



October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	2 9:00 UMW/ AC	3 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	4 9:00 Yoga/ AC	5 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 11:30 JOY/ Blinn	6
7 Jim Jackson 5:00 Romans Study/AC 6:00 Meal/ AC 6:30 Sanctification Study- AC	8 Jim Jackson 9:30 Romans Study/ AC 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 5:00 Romans Study/AC 6:00 Meal/ AC 6:30 Sanctification Study- AC	9 Jim Jackson 9:00 Card/ MH 9:30 Romans Study/ AC 5:00 Romans Study/AC 6:00 Meal/ AC 6:30 Sanctification Study- AC	10 1:00 Council on Ministries/ Library 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	11 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	12 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	13
14 United Sunday	15 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Admin. Board/ FR	16 9:30 Hinners Circle- Carmen/ FH Cummings Circle/ House Rogers Circle/ Taggart 12:00 Susanna Circle/ FH 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	17 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	18 9:00 Yoga/ AC 4:30 UMM Drive-Thru/ Church Parking Lot	19 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	20 9:00 JOY Trip
21 5:00 ACTS/ Room 139	22 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 2:00 42/ MH	23 Harvest Festival 9:00 Card/ MH	24 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	25 9:00 Yoga/ AC	26 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	27 8:00 Epiphany Training/ AC
28 2:30 Brenham Rest Home Service 3:30 Kruse Village Service 4:00 Trunk or Treat/ Church Parking Lot	29 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	30	31 Halloween  1:00 Care Team/ Library 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room			

Join The Reverend Dr. James Jackson
From Chapelwood UMC, Houston * October 7-9th

ONE

Church

ONE Faith

Schedule of Events

Sunday

Morning	8:15, 9:00 & 11:00	3 Worship Services
Evening	5:00-6:00 6:00-6:30 6:30-7:30	Romans Bible Study #1 Light Meal* Sanctification: Integrating Faith and Emotions #1

Monday

Morning	9:30-11:30	Romans Bible Study #2
Evening	5:00-6:00 6:00-6:30 6:30-7:30	Romans Bible Study #3 Light Meal* Sanctification: Integrating Faith and Emotions #2

Tuesday

Morning	9:30-11:30	Romans Bible Study #4
Evening	5:00-6:00 6:00-6:30 6:30-7:30	Romans Bible Study #5 Light Meal* Sanctification: Integrating Faith and Emotions #3

**Please RSVP for meals by Friday, October 5th to the
church office 836-2008*



ONE WORSHIP

SERVICE:

OCTOBER 14

10:45 AM

SANCTUARY

UNITED

Sunday

ONE
CHURCH
FAMILY

BREAKFAST

9:30 AM

ACTIVITY CENTER

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